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FOLLOWING WAS SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
20 APRIL 82 AND IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:  
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E.O. 12065: RDS-4 4/19/02 (ARCHARD, D.B.) OR-M  
TAGS: SREF, AF, PK  
SUBJECT: REFUGEE CAMPS OPENED IN SWAT AND MALAKAND

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. NWFP REFUGEE COMMISSIONER ABDULLAH ANNOUNCED APRIL 19  
THE OPENING OF SEVEN NEW REFUGEE CAMPS IN THE FRONTIER.  
FOUR OF THE CAMPS ARE IN SWAT; THREE IN MALAKAND. ABDULLAH  
COMMENTED ON THE NEW CAMPS WHEN GAO TEAM AND VICE CONSUL  
CULPEPPER CALLED AT COMMISSIONERATE THE DAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH, THE SWAT/MALAKAND CAMPS SHOULD  
ACCOMMODATE 50-60,000 NEWLY ARRIVED OR PREVIOUSLY UNREGISTERED  
REFUGEES. HE CONTRASTED PREPARATION FOR THESE CAMPS TO THAT  
FOR CAMPS IN HAZARA DIVISION. REFUGEES BEGAN ARRIVING IN  
HAZARA BEFORE CAMP ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF HAD BEEN APPOINTED,  
COMPOUNDING THE NORMAL CONFUSION ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISH-  
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MENT OF NEW CAMPS. SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED FURTHER WHEN  
HAZARA REFUGEE POPULATION BURGEONED TO 350,000--APPROXI-  
MATELY TWICE THE NUMBER ANTICIPATED. ABDULLAH TOLD US REFUGEE  
OFFICIALS ARE BETTER PREPARED FOR OPENING OF SWAT/MALAKAND  
CAMPS. COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS ARE IN PLACE AND ALL  
"KNOW WHAT TO DO."

4. ABDULLAH ALSO SAID THAT REFUGEE REGISTRATION WOULD BE  
REOPENED IN OTHER AREAS "WHERE FEASIBLE." HE WOULD NOT

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SPECIFY WHICH DISTRICTS OR AGENCIES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPEN REGISTRATION BUT CONFIRMED THAT PESHAWAR WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED. REGISTRATION IN HAZARA IS ALSO CLOSED.

5. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, WFP REP MEL ARELZA SAID HE ENVISIONED NO SUBSTANTIAL LOGISTICAL PROBLEM IN MONITORING FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE NEW CAMPS SINCE THEY ARE "ENROUTE" TO OTHER AREAS ALREADY MONITORED BY WFP.

6. COMMENT: REFUGEE CAMPS FOR SWAT AND MALAKAND HAVE BEEN IN THE "PLANNING" STAGES FOR MONTHS. WE'VE HEARD NO ADVERSE COMMENTS FROM THOSE AREAS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAMPS BUT PRESUME DEGREE OF LOCAL HOSPITALITY WILL DEPEND ON NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO EVENTUALLY COME FORTH. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT 5000 REFUGEES ARE ALREADY RESIDING IN BUNER VALLEY OF SWAT. DEPENDING ON HOW CAMPS ARE SITED, NUMBER WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITHOUT INCURRING PROBLEMS MAY BE QUITE LARGE IF HAZARA IS GOOD EXAMPLE. WE HAVE EARLIER REPORTED THAT DIVISION HAD ABSORBED 350,000 WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOCAL RESENTMENT. AND, UNLIKE HAZARA, SWAT RESIDENTS ARE ALMOST ALL PUSHTU SPEAKERS, A PLUS FOR GOOD RELATIONS. ARCHARD

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